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Governor Musgrove Signs Bill To Recognize Schools Including Children With Disabilities in Academic and Extracurricular Programming

Governor Ronnie Musgrove signed Senate Bill 2745 on Monday, which directs the State Department of Education to provide an annual recognition program for schools for providing full inclusion of children with disabilities in all aspects of academic and extracurricular activities.

This bill will encourage the full inclusion of children with disabilities in all aspects of academic and extracurricular activities. The State Department of Education will have the ability to provide special recognition to the schools and school districts receiving such designation.

“Involving all children in both academic and extracurricular programming is important for the social development of our youth,” said Governor Musgrove. “It is important that children have the opportunity to learn from one another and interact with other children who have a variety of differences,” said Musgrove.

Special recognition will be awarded to one elementary, one middle school and one high school based on entries submitted to the Mississippi Advisory Committee for Special Education. “This recognition is a great way to give special acknowledgement to the schools who realize the contributions that each and every child can make in the educational process,” said the Governor.

Winners of the Exemplary Inclusion Program contest will be chosen by the Mississippi Advisory Committee for Special Education in April of each year, and recognition will be given to these schools during the May Mississippi State Board of Education meeting of each year.

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